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Come Have A Splash With Us

College Station Aquatics will kick off summer pool operations on Saturday, May 29. This summer will be full of exciting opportunities for residents to take advantage of our aquatics facilities. If you want to get some exercise, host a party or relax in the sun, come visit Adamson Lagoon, Thomas Park, or Southwood-Hallaran to beat the summer heat.

ADAMSON LAGOON POOL 1900 Anderson --- 979.764.3735

Adamson Pool is a 50-meter, Olympic-size swimming pool. The park is equipped with two large water slides and a separate baby pool for younger children. In 2009, the facility's bathhouse was remodeled to include aquatic offices and concessions. The tropical atmosphere in this exciting, mini water park provides a pleasant and safe environment for the whole family. General admission is \$6.

Summer Hours of Operation:

1 - 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday
2 - 7 p.m. Friday
12 - 7 p.m. Saturday
1 - 7 p.m. Sunday

THOMAS PARK POOL 1300 James Parkway --- 979.764.3721

Thomas Pool is a 25-meter swimming pool and includes a small tube slide and a diving board. Tucked into a quiet neighborhood park, the pool is perfect for any age. General Admission is \$3.

Summer Hours of Operation:

12 - 6:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
12 - 7 p.m. Saturday
1 - 7 p.m. Sunday

SOUTHWOOD-HALLARAN POOL 1600 Rock Prairie Rd --- 979.764.3787

Southwood-Hallaran Pool is a 25-yard, zero-depth swimming pool. It has a beach entry in the shallow end and gently slopes to an overall depth of 4 feet in the deep end. This shallow pool provides is ideal for families with younger children. General Admission is \$3.

Summer Hours of Operation:

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday
12 - 7 p.m. Saturday
1 - 7 p.m. Sunday

PARTY PACKAGES

We offer table rentals or catered parties during the day and pool rentals after hours at any College Station pool.

The Pavilion Party allows you to provide your own food, cake and beverages, while we reserve tables for your party at the pool of your choice.

Theme Parties provide an opportunity for you to relax and let us take care of the party preparations. This party package includes plates, cups, napkins, forks, party favors, cake, lemonade and admission to the pool.

Rates vary according to the size and type of party you choose, so please contact the Aquatics Office located in Stephen C. Beachy Central Park at 979.764.3540.

For pool prices and passes, visit:
cstx.gov/pools

Junior Lifeguard / Aquatic Sports Camp

Level 1: Ages 9-11

Mon./Wed., 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Level 2: Ages 12-14

Tues./Thur., 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Session 1 - Level 1 & 2: May 31 - June 24

Session 2 - Level 1 & 2: July 5 - July 29

Cost: \$75.00 **Location:** Adamson Lagoon

Learn: CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding Skills, Water Safety, Rafting

Register: Stephen C. Beachy Central Park (1000 Krenek Tap Rd.) or online at parksweb.cstx.gov.



Starlight Music Series -----

An exciting line-up of performers is scheduled to take the stage at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater for the 2010 Starlight Music Series.

The free concert series, which enjoyed record per-show attendance in 2009, now prepares for a ninth season under the sponsorship of the College Station Parks & Recreation Department and College Station Utilities, along with many supportive local businesses.

Like all departments within the City of College Station, Parks & Recreation and CSU are finding ways to operate in leaner fashion while continuing to provide the quality of life amenities and core services that residents expect and enjoy. These departments have teamed to reduce the Starlight Music Series line-up from six shows in 2009 to three shows in 2010.

Entertainment Line-up:

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| May 15 | Roger Creager, with guest Mustang Sally |
| May 29 | Separate Ways, with guest Stars of Pop (Tribute bands to Jonas Brothers & Hannah Montana) |
| June 12 | Hotel California (Tribute band to the Eagles) |

Plan to join your family and friends at the beautiful Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater this summer. Admission is free to all Starlight events. Gates open at 6 p.m.

For more information about the 2010 Starlight Music Series, visit cstx.gov/starlight.

Spring Into Action -----

It's that time of year again when everyone is gearing up for spring and turning on their air conditioners. Here are a few simple hints to help you stay comfortable in the heat, while saving money on your next utility bill.

- Have your air conditioning system serviced by a trained professional.
- Replace your return air filter at least once a month.
- Raise your thermostat to 78 degrees to

save as much as 18 percent on cooling.

- Wear lighter clothing and use fans to help circulate air for greater comfort.
- Do heat-producing tasks (cooking, laundry and dishwashing) in the early a.m. or late p.m.
- Use your microwave, rather than your oven, when possible.
- Close blinds and shades to reduce heat gain in windows that receive direct sunlight.
- Open windows and use fans, instead of air conditioning, on cooler days.
- Check weather-stripping on doors and windows, and replace or repair when necessary.
- Plant landscaping to help block the sun to reduce heat gain.

Have you considered replacing your old air conditioning system with a newer, more-efficient unit? If you do so, you may be eligible to take advantage of the Consumer Energy Efficiency Federal Tax Credit and College Station's Energy Back II HVAC Rebate Program.

For information on the federal tax credit, visit energystar.gov/taxcredits. To learn more about College Station's Energy Back II Rebate, visit cstx.gov/utilities or call 979.764.6274.

Exploring History Lunch Lecture -----

Join us for the next Exploring History Lunch Lecture on Wednesday, June 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Drive.

This month, Opinions Editor Robert Borden will be on hand to give a brief history of The Eagle newspaper and also to sign copies of his book, "Historic Brazos County." A light lunch will be served for \$5.00 per person.

Call Heritage Programs Coordinator Anne Boykin at 979.764.3491 to reserve your spot today!

CS Conference Center -----

Looking for a space to host your next event? The College Station Conference Center is a wonderful facility for your next workshop, career fair, staff retreat, rehearsal dinner, shower, reception or family reunion.

The Conference Center has seven rooms that can hold 12 to 420 people, plus a large catering kitchen with ice machine, refrigerator, two microwaves and a conventional oven. There is also a beautiful deck and patio area. The space includes a variety of amenities including: audiovisual equipment, Internet access, flip charts, tables, disco ball, a piano, wedding trellis, lattice screens and much more.

For more information, call 979.764.3720 visit cstx.gov/conferencenter.

POOL SPECIAL EVENTS:

June 2
Aquatic Honor Roll

June 5
Legends of the Lost Lagoon

June 8
Teen Night

June 12
Shipwrecked Lagoon

June 15
Two CAN Swim

June 20
Fathers Swim Free

June 26
Adamson Lagoon Boat Race

For more information on any of these events, call 979.764.3540 or visit cstx.gov/pools.